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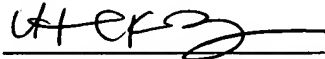
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional
patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: Takeshi HAMADA

☒ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **CONNECTING STRUCTURE FOR PIPING MEMBERS**

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- ☐ This is a new patent application.
- ☒ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
- ☐ This is a provisional patent application.
- ☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application
☐ Divisional Application
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application
of prior Application Serial No. _.

☐ Cancel in this application original claims ___ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of
Application

☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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| | Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. _. |
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| PRIORITY CLAIMS | |
| | Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119. |
| X | Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below: Japan Patent Appln. No. 2003-107159, filed April 10, 2003, Priority Claimed of which certified copies thereof |
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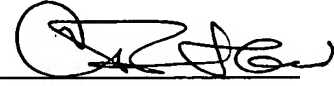
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